

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*

Serial No.: NEW

Based on International Application No.: PCT/JP00/04337

Filed: December 28, 2001 (herewith)

For: COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND  
FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS  
CONTAINING THE SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 28, 2001

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination under merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph after the title of the invention on page 1 of the specification:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national phase application of International Application No. PCT/JP00/04337 filed June 30, 2000, which application was not published in English. --